

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, March 3, 2015
5:00 PM

Present: J.J. Tibbetts, MD, Joe Van Deurzen, Harold Pfothenhauer, Richard Schadewald

Excused: Audrey Murphy, Susan Paulus Smith

Staff Present: Chua Xiong, Rob Gollman, Patti Smeester

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Dr. Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. Dr. Tibbetts introduced Chua Xiong as our new Health Director. Chua stated she was encouraged by Audrey Murphy, chairperson of the Board of Health, who is not present today to introduce herself and share a little more information about herself. Chua stated she will be sharing information about the Hmong culture in a way that we may have not heard. She is a child of the Vietnam era. Her father was a fighter pilot and fought alongside the United States in the Vietnam War and he fought for his country, humanity and equal treatment. Her father died standing strong for his beliefs. Her mother was a young widow and this was the start of their journey to the United States. Chua stated it was heartbreaking for her people as they sacrificed so much and lost many loved ones in the war. They were considered traitors in their homeland and now they are relocated to a country that does not welcome them. The American people did not know of their involvement in the war. It was not something shared with them. The Hmong people were the United States' secret guerilla fighters. They saved the lives of fallen pilots and others in the ground war. Many Hmong people sacrificed their lives to save the lives of American soldiers and American soldiers also sacrificed their lives for the Hmong People and their soldiers as well. There was no support system for the Hmong when they arrived in the United States and many of them committed suicide shortly after arriving in the United States because they felt hopeless. They were traitors in their homeland and also thought to be traitors in the US as well. We were thought to be Vietnamese or Viet Cong. In Chua's life she has faced adversity. She has experienced racial, gender and social economic discrimination. She has not let these circumstances harden her or make her a hateful person because of her Christian beliefs. The Lord has guided her along her journey also provided her with the strength she needed for whatever situation she has been in. She did not die in the Vietnam War as she believes the Lord has a bigger purpose for her and she believes that is to be here in Brown County serving its citizens. The Lord has not made it easy for her. He has made it challenging and difficult as possible because he knows she must face the adversities and continue to persevere in order for her to become a good and honest leader she is today. She is here as the health officer committed to the work that must be done. She knows she will face many challenges but she trusts that the Lord will give her the strength, courage and guidance to be fair and equal to all.

Dr. Tibbetts welcomed Chua and congratulated her.

2. Open Session: Discussion and possible action regarding the Shirley Wind Turbines.

Dr. Tibbetts shared with the Board a study done at Pacific Hydro at Cape Bridgewater, South Australia. Steve Cooper was invited and contracted by Pacific Hydro to look at their facility, and thinking that there were no problems, clear the air forever. It did not work out the way they planned. Steve was able to find the signal from the wind turbines which has DBWTS which was

found also by Rick James and others. He was constrained by Pacific Hydro as to how many people he could study and how the study was going to go. He found there was significant relationship between the on and off, which Pacific Hydro allowed them to do. He found causation as far as symptoms and non-symptoms and it really cleared the air as to whether there is or isn't a problem. His study was maybe 200-300 pages with about 500 pages of appendices. It was a significant study. He only studied three homes and six individuals. Those individuals were significantly sensitive to what was going on. Dr. Tibbetts believes Paul Schomer and George Hessler completely support Steve Cooper's study.

MOTION: To depart from the regular order of business to hear
public comments. Van Deurzen/Schadewald
MOTION CARRIED

No one addressed the Board.

MOTION: To return to the regular order of business Schadewald/Van Deurzen
MOTION CARRIED

3. **Closed Session: Notice is hereby given that the governmental body will adjourn into a closed session for discussion with legal counsel, possible action and the strategy to adopt regarding the Shirley Wind Turbines. Closed session is authorized pursuant to Wis. Stat § 19.85 (1)(g), for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved.**

MOTION: To go into closed session at 5:12 PM.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Pfotenhauer, Tibbetts, Van Deurzen, Schadewald; Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Reconvene into Open Session: Discussion and possible action regarding the Shirley Wind Turbines.**

MOTION: To return to open session at 6:33pm Van Deurzen/Pfotenhauer
Roll call vote: Ayes: Pfotenhauer, Tibbetts, Van Deurzen, Schadewald; Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Dr. Tibbetts indicated he had a statement to make as follows:

The Brown County Board of Health is working on strategies to help the citizens of Glenmore.

5. **Adjournment / Next Meeting Schedule**

MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 6:36 PM. Schadewald/Van Deurzen
MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2015 at 5:00 PM

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